

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

3:51 p.m.

Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Mayes, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)**

Representative Brown made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2007. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4327 before the Committee.

HB 4327 Spade Crimes; other; prohibition against selling tomatoes that are not vine-ripened; repeal.

Representative Spade spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of HB 4327.

Liesl Clark, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), submitted a card indicating support for HB 4327.

Representative Angerer made a motion to report HB 4327 with recommendation.

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Mayes, Byrum, Angerer, Brown, Kathleen Law, Leland, Sheltroun, Walker, Nitz, Ball, Meekhof. (11/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Dr. Steven Halstead, MDA State Veterinarian, provided a presentation regarding the Michigan Bovine Tuberculosis (TB) Eradication Program to the Committee. Topics discussed included: transmission of bovine TB to deer, other animals and humans; the needs to eradicate bovine TB; program objectives and priorities; MDA TB zones, the modified accredited zone, and the modified accredited advanced zone; and electronic identification. Dr. Halstead also briefly discussed other animal health issues. Questions from members and discussion followed.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Mayes declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:47 p.m.

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Representative Jeff Mayes, Chair

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